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Tourists brave strong winds and rain brought by Typhoon Nangka as they walk back to their hotel after shopping in Garapan yesterday afternoon. Tourists' shopping was severely affected as stores refused to accept credit cards due to Internet problems.

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As Typhoon Nangka moves away from the CNMI, an "all clear" is expected on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota today.

"We should be okay late last night or early morning," said Homeland Security and Emergency Management deputy special assistant Gerald Deleon Guerrero.

Nangka was earlier expected to go nearest to Saipan but changed direction and was tracked closer to Alamagan instead.

Despite this, gusty winds and strong rain were still experienced in Saipan.

Yesterday, Nangka's eye was located at 50 miles southeast of Alamagan or 155 miles north

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A Thai couple and their two young children are among several families that took shelter yesterday at San Vicente Elementary School due to Typhoon Nangka's approach.

Police visit to villages, prompts affected residents to take shelter

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Some residents living in houses made up of tin and wooden materials immediately proceeded to designated shelters on Saipan Wednesday night after police officers went to villages and urged people to evacuate due to Typhoon Nangka's approach.

A 49-year-old grandmother told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that police went around their village in Dandan Wednesday night, announcing that people staying in tin-houses should go to designated shelters.

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SMS, long-distance, and prepaid service recovered

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IT&E's SMS, long-distance, and prepaid service were recovered yesterday, as the CNMI remained plunged for a second day in the Internet-blackout caused by damage to an IT&E undersea fiber optic cable between Saipan and Tinian.

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Liberation Day festivities postponed once again

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Almost a week has already passed since the Fourth of July and once again, Liberation Day festivities are postponed.

As another cyclone, Typhoon Nangka, battered the CNMI yesterday, Saipan Mayor David Apatang announced to the public that the Liberation Day parade that was earlier rescheduled to tomorrow is not pushing through again.

"The Fourth of July parade and festivities scheduled for July 11 will be cancelled until further notice," Apatang's notice said.

Apatang also advised all concessionaires, parade participants, performers, guests, and visitors that activities planned beginning this week are cancelled.

The notice said that "Mayor Apatang will notify the general public when weather conditions are clear and safe for the Fourth of July festivities to resume."

However, in an interview aired by KSPN2 last night, Apatang said parade will be rescheduled again to next Saturday, July 18.

"Mayor Apatang, the Skywalker Communications Group, and the 2015 Fourth of July Liberation Day committee apologizes for any inconvenience," the public notice added.

The notice said that the safety of participants is the main concern for the cancellation.

"The cancellation of festivities and postponement of the parade assures the safety of the public, concessionaires, and participants," it said.

Although better weather conditions are expected this weekend, Homeland Security and Emergency Management said the little time left for preparation is probably another reason why it was postponed.

"They will only have a short time to put back all the tents," HSEM deputy special assistant Gerald Deleon Guerrero said.

The Liberation Day parade and festivities were first postponed last week after Tropical Storm Chan-Hom threatened the CNMI.

Last year, the same festivities were postponed for a day also because of a storm.

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Once again, the stage at the Liberation Day festivity grounds at Garapan Fishing Base had to be taken down as Typhoon Nangka passed through the CNMI. The parade and other activities are postponed for the second time.

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Rapadas supports separate US Attorney for CNMI

Chief prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas stated that since before he has been supportive of a move to have a separate U.S. Attorney for the District of the NMI.

In an interview on Wednesday, Rapadas said former U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex Munson was then pushing to have a separate U.S. Attorney for the CNMI.

Rapadas said when he was the U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the NMI, he believed that although the CNMI and Guam are only 120 miles apart, there are still significant issues that one U.S. Attorney has to deal with in the two districts.

He said both districts seem similar but there are very different issues covering the jurisdictions so he was/is in favor for a separate U.S. Attorney for the Commonwealth.

Rapadas, however, stated that it is something that people from the "higher up" to decide.

Citizen activist Glen Hunter has stated in his earlier online comment that while he is not at all happy about the removal of the jail term that the court imposed on former governor Benigno R. Fitial, he is glad that Gov. Eloy S. Inos did not grant Fitial a full pardon.

Hunter said he does not intend on finalizing the online petition seeking the recall of Inos.

Hunter said his focus right now is to demand to the federal government to immediately install a separate U.S. Attorney for the District of the NMI.

Alicia Limtiaco is the current U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the NMI. She succeeded Rapadas in June 2010.

Rapadas said Munson was pushing for a separate U.S. Attorney, but he is not aware of U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's position about the matter.

The chief prosecutor said when he served as U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and NMI, he enjoyed running both programs.

"It's something that should be thought about long and hard because it requires double the amount of resources," Rapadas said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Irregular production a problem in CNMI farming

Irregular production is seen as the main problem in farming in the CNMI.

According to Saipan and Northern Islands Fair Association president Michael Ogo, this is the reason why importation is still high and local produce are not being preferred.

"The reason why we're importing is consistency. Basically we're talking with the farmers that, you know, you got to be producing, and you have to be producing on a regular basis," Ogo said.

"Why does the F&B manager at the hotel or the purchasing manager at the restaurant going to buy imported [produce]? Because you give them produce this week but you don't have it next week or so. Consistency is the biggest issue," he added.

Ogo said they are working with the island farmers to address the issue.

"We're working with the farmers, NMC-CREES (Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service), and DLNR (Department of Land and Natural Resources) are working with the farmers to close those gaps. We already know what the problem is. It's only a matter of working on the problem," Ogo said.

He added that they have been having summits and meetings with the farmers to talk about their production.

He also mentioned that not only will supporting farmers good for the farmers themselves but for the whole community as well.

"By lowering the importation basically the money will circulate in the island and not go abroad," Ogo said.

"I'm not saying that we're going to stop importing, we're going to continue importing but we're going to lower the importation," he added.

Ogo said 95 percent of the food on the island is being imported.

"As you know we got a lot of development coming so we definitely need to bring up the amount of produce and livestock production," he added. ***(Frauleine S. Villanueva)***

Gaming regulators post jobs as casino opening nears

The Commonwealth Casino Commission will be hiring 25 personnel as the regulator prepares for the opening of a casino in Garapan.

Commission executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero said the 25 personnel are expected to occupy 17 different job positions.

An advertisement from the commission indicated 12 administrative positions, nine positions for enforcement, and four audit and compliance positions.

Deleon Guerrero said the regulators are "hoping to expeditiously start the interview process, then provide training for the additional personnel."

Deleon Guerrero said the commission's division on investigation and enforcement will have an office at the T-Galleria where the casino is located.

"This is basically the regulatory monitoring staff," Deleon Guerrero said, adding that the commission's office at the T-Galleria will be open "24x7" and will be manned round the clock on three shifts.

"We will have our own surveillance monitors within the facility," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said the commission is setting up "a lot of training" for the enforcement division and will try to provide the training early.

Deleon Guerrero said there was no definite date yet on the opening of the temporary casino being setup by Best Sunshine International, Ltd. although it was earlier reported that the opening was supposed to be this July.

But the official said, "most of the slot machines are already there and are already being assembled."

He said the regulators are also conducting weekly meetings with Best Sunshine for updates.

Deleon Guerrero also confirmed that the casino commission is working with the Department of Public Safety, Division of Customs, the Office of Public Auditor, and other enforcement agencies to plan for an "ongoing task force to monitor this new industry." ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

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Frustrated passengers turned back before flights resume

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Hundreds of angry passengers were turned back from the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport's holding area and were shuttled back to hotels after some airline flights were cancelled yesterday morning due to the Typhoon Nangka and ongoing difficulties with the CNMI-wide network communications outage yesterday morning, airport and airline officials told *Saipan Tribune*.

Around 1am, around 300 Jeju Air passengers were left stranded at the airport due to a cancelled flight that morning, a Jeju Air official said.

Jeju Air passengers, though, were seen checking in their luggage as late as 4pm yesterday, as Jeju Air were set to fly afternoon and evening flights yesterday.

At 6:45pm yesterday, Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Maryann Lizama said the Jeju "rescue" flight was arriving at 8:40pm.

She said a regular flight would arrive at 3:40am today, and another rescue flight at 5:20am.

Star Marianas Airlines operations were ceased as of yesterday evening, according to Lizama. She said they had earlier been flying from Tinian to Saipan only to bring stranded passengers to the airport.

As for contact with sister airports on Tinian and Rota, Lizama said they were still not able to dial through as they always get a busy signal. But she said she had the utmost confidence they were running things efficiently.

Jeju Air's David Cha, who arrived on Saipan through Asiana Airlines in the morning, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday afternoon they would continue normal operations.

Cha said each flight has a 186-seat capacity and flights were not full.

He said around 300 passengers were stranded yesterday. Hotels were called and passengers were sent back to their hotels, he said.

Lizama separately said yesterday afternoon that the stranded passengers waited in the airport's holding room.

She said she instructed Jeju Air's station manager to talk to the passengers.

She said they were trying to get hotels for the passengers, but hotels said they would only accept cash payments.

The CNMI-wide network communications outage halted all wireless service yesterday, causing businesses to turn down payments in credit.

Lizama said she then contacted acting governor Ralph DLG Torres for help in contacting hotels because "there were toddlers and kids" just waiting at the airport.

DENNIS B. CHAN

Jeju Air passengers line up to check-in for their "rescue" flight at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport yesterday afternoon.

Lizama said Torres called them back with arrangements for hotels to accept stranded passengers.

She said passengers were brought back down and screened by PBC and shuttled back to their hotels.

Meanwhile, Asian Airlines flew three flights on Wednesday, flight 626 to Inchon, flight 623 to Inchon, and flight 608 to Busan, South Korea, airline staff said.

Lizama confirmed all three Asiana flights arrived and all three flights departed Wednesday.

Asiana Airlines' flight 626 to Inchon was set to depart/arrive from/on Saipan at 3:20am.

Delta Airlines announced yesterday morning they would operate flight 297 as scheduled at 4:30pm yesterday.

Delta had cancelled flights and closed their office on Wednesday due to the CNMI-wide network outage halting all electronic transmissions.

As of 6:40pm, afternoon Cape Air/United Airlines was not yet operating due to the network outage.

A reported "glitch" in United's system nation-wide was said to have halted operations across the nation. But a Cape Air supervisor said they could not say how this "glitch" affected their system because the CNMI-wide network communications outage was still ongoing.

Lizama also said she did not have information on how this "glitch" affected Cape Air.

Teregeyo arrested anew, this time for allegedly threatening to kill stepfather, damaging truck

Police arrested on Tuesday again Syl Kolin Kaipat Teregeyo, this time for allegedly threatening to kill his stepfather and damaging a pick-up truck at their residence in Dandan.

Teregeyo, 31, was taken to Superior Court on Wednesday for his initial court appearance on charges of disturbing the peace, criminal mischief, and criminal contempt of court.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio revoked the bail imposed on Teregeyo in his other pending criminal case and set a $5,000 cash bail in this case.

Preliminary hearing will be on July 14 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nebit was appointed as counsel for Teregeyo. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government at the hearing.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that on Monday at 12:13pm, a police officer responded to the residence of Juan Laniyo Norita in Dandan, where a criminal mischief reportedly occurred.

Norita told the police officer that his stepson, Teregeyo, damaged his other son's 4X4 pick-up truck by kicking the door, throwing a telephone on the car, and then poking the left tires with a screwdriver.

The officer observed the truck having a big dent and scratches to the left driver's side door and the left rear tire was flat due to a punctured hole.

The officer observed Teregeyo's mother was crying and appeared scared. The mother served as third-party custodian for Teregeyo in his pending criminal case.

The mother told police that she was cooking in the kitchen when Teregeyo put down the house's phone and shouted profanities at the phone.

Teregeyo then asked his mother for the key to the truck because he was seeing a friend at a store. He then asked Norita for the key.

Norita refused to give the keys because it has a brake problem and that someone was going to fix it. Teregeyo got mad and allegedly threatened he would kill his stepfather.

Norita walked to a neighbor's house to use the phone and call the police.

Teregeyo went inside the house, broke the phone line, then kicked the truck driver side's door and punctured the left rear tire with a screwdriver.

Last May 1, police arrested Teregeyo for allegedly stealing a Chanel bag that contained some items belonging to a tourist at the beach side of Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel in Susupe.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $5,000 cash bail, but later agreed to modify the bail by allowing the defendant to post a property bond.

Teregeyo was allowed to post a property bond, then released to his mother, who served as his third-party custodian.

Last April 26, police arrested Teregeyo for allegedly refusing to leave the house of his wife, with whom he had an argument with over the stolen purse from a tourist. A neighbor apparently informed the wife that the defendant hid the stolen purse.

Teregeyo was then freed on a $250 unsecured bond. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

POLICE

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"I got scared. I never see police going around during typhoon time. Only last night," said the grandmother who requested not to be identified.

She said she then called her two daughters and decided to follow police's advice. She and her husband, two daughters, and their grandchildren checked Dandan Middle School, but were told there was no shelter due to water problem.

The family then proceeded to the designated shelter at San Vicente Elementary School at about 9pm-10pm.

The grandmother said when there are designated shelters during storms, they usually go to Dandan Middle School.

She and her family are very thankful to Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) who dropped by at the shelter and distributed bread and water.

The grandmother said their grandchildren are comfortable at SVES' cafeteria, the designated shelter.

As of 3pm yesterday, the grandmother said they have not decided when are they going back to their house.

A family of four Thais left their tin-house in San Antonio yesterday at 9am because they were scared that a big tangan-tangan and coconut trees may crush their house due to strong winds and rain.

Kraisorn Chaicharden, 47, said she and her husband and two young sons first went to the Koblerville Elementary School shelter, but were told that they were already full. They were advised to proceed to SVES.

Chaicharden said it's the first time for them to seek shelter because during previous typhoons, they were accommodated by their friend, who stayed in a concrete house.

This time, she said, their friend already left the CNMI so they have no choice but to try the shelter.

At the SVES shelter, they didn't encounter any problems and are thankful to a local man who came and gave them bread and water.

Chaicharden said the local man just handed the items and left without saying anything.

NANGKA

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northeast of Saipan, according to the 2pm weather bulletin update. It was moving west-northwest at 12 miles per hour.

Nangka's maximum sustained winds were at 145 miles per hour. Typhoon force winds extend outward up to 50 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward to 140 miles.

Typhoon Condition 1 was maintained until last night by acting governor Ralph DLG Torres for the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan.

No communication

According to public information specialist L.J. Castro, they were not yet able to contact anyone from the Northern Islands since yesterday.

"We have been trying our best to get updates," Castro said, "Right now we haven't heard anything."

"There are certain outposts there where they can seek shelter," he added.

"They know what to do. They've experienced other stronger storms," Deleon Guerrero said.

According to Deleon Guerrero, 11 residents are in Pagan, two in Alamagan, and seven in Agrihan.

Shelters update

Acting press secretary Matt Deleon Guerrero said 157 individuals on Saipan sought refuge and were still in shelters as of last night. Shelters were opened Wednesday.

Castro said Koblerville Elementary School was maxed out with about 46 individuals staying there.

Other shelters were Tanapag Middle School, Garapan Elementary School, Kagman High School, and instead of Dandan Middle School, San Vicente Elementary School was opened.

On Tinian, at least two individuals sought shelter in Tinian Elementary School.

No shelters were opened for Rota but Matt Deleon Guerrero said they don't have any communication with Rota as well.

Water outages, no major power interruption

Castro said no major interruptions in power as well as infrastructure damages were reported.

However, water outages were experienced in many areas such as Susupe, San Jose, Dandan, San Vicente, San Antonio, Gualo Rai, and Koblerville, according to Castro.

As of 8pm, Matt Deleon Guerrero said the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. fixed the water problem except for Chinatown, which had trouble with its reservoir.

Govt closed for 2nd straight day

Matt Deleon Guerrero, meanwhile, said acting governor Ralph DLG Torres decided to shut down all non-essential government offices for a second straight today.

Torres earlier issued an advisory for non-essential government offices to close yesterday.

As of last night, that advisory is still in effect, according to L.J. Castro, public information specialist.

"We do not have an 'all clear' yet so the advisory remains," Castro said.

Non-essential government offices were closed yesterday due to Typhoon Nangka.

Essential services including the Homeland Security Emergency and Management, Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, among others, are operational.

On Wednesday, offices on Capital Hill, including the Governor's Office and the Legislature started shutting down as early as 4pm after the advisory was handed down. ***(With reports from Joel Pinaroc)***

SMS

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manager Hanz Mickelson said SMS service was back up for all three islands but only in the IT&E network, not any other carrier.

Mickelson also said their prepaid network was up. "And we are giving that to our prepaid users for free within the network," he said.

Mickelson said they are working "diligently" on their microwave redundancy system, described by IT&E officials on Wednesday as the back up for the downed fiber optic cable. IT&E said earlier that Typhoon Dolphin damaged this back up system.

Mickelson said they were working all day on this yesterday. He described the system as four "huge" dishes, 15 feet across, adding it was a "very dicey" operation.

Typhoon Nangka passed through the CNMI yesterday leaving strong winds and rain.

"At the same time, we are looking at the bigger problem which is the fiber optic undersea cable," Mickelson said." We are looking at that to see where it has been cut."

He said, according to their technical crews, the "cut" in the fiber optic cable appears to be in the waters off Tinian.

IT&E announced at 8:40am yesterday that technicians had brought long distance calls on landline back to normal. On Tinian and Rota, 4G/CDMA/GSM for voice calls only were working. They announced later in the afternoon that mobile data for 4G and CDMA service were working.

As of press time, all Internet services remained down.

CUC counsel says ex-staff's appeal over termination still pending

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has maintained that the appeal of terminated CUC employee Zaji O. Zajradhara over marijuana issue is still pending.

In CUC's answer and defenses to Zajradhara's lawsuit, CUC counsel James S. Sirok said the plaintiff has appealed his termination through the utility's administrative process.

Sirok said the appeal process is still pending with no final decision as of the date of this answer.

CUC has asserted that the U.S. District Court for the NMI, where the plaintiff filed his lawsuit, has no jurisdiction in the complaint for, among other arguments, failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

Sirok admitted that Zajradhara was notified that his employment was terminated to a corrective action, but denied that the termination was pre-textual.

Instead, Sirok said, CUC appropriately relied on a police officer's report generated by the Department of Public Safety and a signed declaration that detailed Zajradhara's attempt to give what appeared to be marijuana to an off-duty police officer.

Sirok said the correction action is still in the appeal process initiated by Zajradhara.

The lawyer said the corrective action cited plaintiff for the violation of its human resources manual sections 7.1 and 16.2.

In a separate answer to the lawsuit, former CUC executive director Allan Fletcher has disclosed that Zajradhara, who is suing him, CUC and several others, was terminated for offering to sell illegal drugs.

Fletcher, through counsel assistant attorney general David Lochabay, also denied that Zajradhara was terminated from CUC on pre-textual grounds.

Lochabay said the plaintiff was discharged for, among other things, attempting to sell a controlled substance to another while in a CUC vehicle.

The plaintiff has filed a lawsuit after he was allegedly subjected to a hostile work place, such as placing a cockroach on his desk and other employees calling him "gay."

Zajradhara is suing CUC, Fletcher, and 10 unnamed co-defendants for whistle blower/wrongful termination, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violations of the Americans with Disability Act.

In a pro se complaint or filed without a lawyer, Zajradhara asked the court to hold the defendants liable to pay him damages and court costs.

The plaintiff said CUC initially hired him as a trades technician/operator in October 2012, but he was moved into various positions, including warehouse man, fuel handler, and trouble shooter for the water division.

He said that CUC terminated him on Oct. 24, 2014, on the pre-textual ground of possession and conveyance of illegal drugs, in violation of CUC drug and alcohol policy.

Zajradhara also claimed he suffers from disability as he has post traumatic stress disorder, bi-polar disorder, and an injury to the right upper shoulder and upper back.

Senator suggests 'special license' for tourists using car rental services

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Hofschneider

Sen. Jude C. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) is suggesting "special licenses" that the Department of Public Safety-Bureau of Motor Vehicle can issue to tourists availing of car rental services in the CNMI.

The lawmaker said aside from its educational purposes, the special license can help the DPS raise more funds for its operations.

"Can this be done? I will support this, not just for educational purposes for tourists in the CNMI but also as a way for our police to generate more funds," Hofschneider said.

The lawmaker heads the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs, which is currently holding budget hearings for government agencies.

The committee held a hearing for the DPS on Tuesday.

DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero again pleaded to lawmakers to increase his department's budget, which he, said will allow the DPS to properly carry out its duties.

He specifically cited the "war" on methamphetamine which he said will be "long, dangerous, and expensive" and would require the DPS to have more police officers, and more training.

The DPS has requested a budget of $7.2 million, which is way higher than the administration's proposal of $4.5 million.

The police chief said "ice" is on the DPS' top list of priorities, along with preparations for a "booming" tourism industry, and preparations for a soon-to-emerge gaming industry, highlighted by the opening of Saipan's first casino in Garapan.

Hofschneider, meanwhile said "it was an eye-opener" after hearing the police chief's recommendations and his report on the current state of the DPS.

"We are trying to get fund sources outside the general appropriations that we can tap into, so that we will be able to come up with a more clear budget for DPS," he said.

2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures set

The 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held on Aug. 22 and 29 and Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26 at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the Northern Mariana Islands, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia. Cultural groups are encouraged to contact Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or 664-3210 to participate. ***(PR)***

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Massive outage catches Capital Hill by surprise

JOEL PINAROC

From left, IT&E executives Vhelma Palacios, head of engineering; Fred Hill, regulatory compliance officer; Rose Soledad, managing director; and Hans Mickelson, Sales and Marketing manager, seated at the back, give an update to the CNMI government regarding repair works on a damaged undersea fiber optic cable.

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REPORTER

Government offices on Capital Hill were caught by surprise yesterday by a massive communications outage although the impact seems to be minimal.

A staff at the Legislature said the Internet outage did not have a major impact on operations. Documents had to be hand-delivered within the different offices because the e-mail system was down, the staff said.

"We cannot upload some documents, but the impact was only minimal, because the landlines are still working," a staff disclosed.

Communication lines, including mobile phone calls and Internet access, broke down early Wednesday effectively isolating Saipan from the rest of the world.

The outage has yet to be fully resolved as of yesterday, as repair works on a damaged undersea fiber optic cable being used by service provider IT&E continue.

The repair is expected to last for months, although a backup microwave system is expected to restore some of the basic services, according to IT&E.

Rep. Francis Taimanao (Ind-Saipan) said the first thing he noticed was the lack of mobile phone services from IT&E.

Taimanao said IT&E gave an advisory regarding the outage, but did not give other details.

Taimanao, who heads the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications, said he also immediately convened committee members.

IT&E was also invited by Taimanao's office to give an update and what contingency plans the service provider can offer.

"Our employees were caught by surprise, although this is not the first time that there were service disruptions," Taimanao said.

It turned out that the outage was anything but ordinary.

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Hyatt Regency celebrates FilAm Night

This summer the celebration continues, as Hyatt Regency Saipan honors our Filipino American community. Our talented culinary team has created a splendid Filipino cuisine lineup for guests this month.

In celebration of Filipino and American Independence, Hyatt Regency will host a "FilAm Night" on July 17 at Kili Café & Terrace. Join us for an evening in celebration of Filipino and American cultures on the island. This amazing buffet spread of traditional tastes will include pancit palabok, which features savoury shrimp, pork rinds, and garlic chips; oxtail kare kare, with roasted peanuts and bok choy; the hotel's version of a Filipino street fair with a live station and the much-loved halo halo especial dessert assortments, and much more.

The "FilAm Night" buffet celebration is set to run from 6pm to 9pm. The price is $50 per person, and Club at the Hyatt® members are welcome. The buffet will include San Miguel beer and free flowing house wines. Reservations are highly recommended. For more information, please call 234-1234 ext. 26.

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MENU FOR THE EVENING

Appetizer station
- Acharang papaya, pickled green papaya Chicken galantine rillenong
- Crab meat, young coconut stew
- Kelawin dilis, dried anchovies, calamansi
- Insalada pipino, pickled cucumber pinoy style
- Salted egg and tomato salad
- Fresh lumpia, coconut palm hearth, shrimp
- Fried Cebu lumpia, white vinegar dip
- Assorted seafood on ice, shrimp, local sashimi, steamed mussels

Soup
- Prawn sinigang, radish, eggplant, string beans

Filipino menu
- Steamed fragrant rice
- Arroz Valenciana, Filipino style rice pilaf
- Pancit palabok, savoury shrimp sauce, pork rind crisps, garlic chips
- Relleno bangus, stuffed milk fish, raisin and carrots
- Oxtail kara kare, roasted peanuts, bok choy and condiments Sipoeg, vegetable medley, baby shrimp, egg
- Lechon Cebu, whole roasted suckling pig, lemongrass

Filipino street fair live station
- Filipino lumpia station, spiced marinated vinegar
- Bulacan barbecued skewers chicken and pork

Dessert
- Halo Halo especial, assorted regional Filipino condiments
- Brazo de mercedes roulade
- Almond leche flan, tropical fruits
- Crispy banana turron
- Puto, steamed rice cake
- Coconut macaroons
- Sago pudding, carabao mango

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-005

KAGMAN ROAD REMEDIAL WORK, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Kagman Road Remedial Work,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 26, 2015** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaiing the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 13, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 22, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-15-IFB-005**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 31, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **July 31, 2015**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 31, 2015** and must be received no later than **August 10, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **August 11, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **July 31, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
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Front Office Manager (1)
Qualifications: Preferably a college graduate with a Bachelor degree in Hospitality or Tourism Management; a minimum of two years work experience as Front Office Supervisor in a hotel of significant volume. Ability to read, analyze and interpret journals, financial reports and legal documents. Ability to write letters, memorandums or conceptualizing hotel's objectives. Ability to effectively present information to top management and employees, in groups or individually. Ability to speak, write and read in the English language fluently. Fluency in Japanese is an advantage. Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, commissions, proportions, percentages, area, circumstances, and volume, and analyze such information. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Comprehensive knowledge of business management, financial reporting and productivity requirements; Proficient in Microsoft Office program and Fidelio System software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

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Baker (1)
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Cafeteria Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certificate. Little or no previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. Must facilitate food service. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
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Assistant Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Preferably some technical courses. Must know how to use Excel and Microsoft Word. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram and understand centralized air-conditioning system. Adheres to OSHA safety standards that are applicable for the safe performance of job. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Powerhouse Mechanic (Power Plant) (1)
Qualifications: Require postsecondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges, and/or associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or 2 to 4 years of experience. Perform routine maintenance or make repairs to mechanical, electrical, or electronic equipment in power plants. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

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General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Income Auditor Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Minimum of five (5) years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Examine and analyze accounting records to determine financial status of establishment and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to F&B, Dry goods and Housekeeping cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Housekeeper (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Tailor/Dressmaker (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of Three (3) years work experience as a dressmaker preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (4)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

IT Tech Support Manager (1)
Qualifications: Any combination of education and training equivalent to possession of a bachelor's degree in computer science, information engineering, computer associates or other related areas. Must have at least five (5) years working experience. Experience in all areas of local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, implementation, and user support. Experience installing and supporting Microsoft server technologies. Working knowledge of local and wide area networks (LAN/WAN), Internet, e-mail systems, telecommunications and data communications, standard operating systems, software packages, and software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Night Auditor (2)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

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Food and Beverage Wait Staff (Banquet) (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 5 years experience required in banquet and/or related field. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Food and Beverage Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent or training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree. Minimum two (2) years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving. Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Guest Services Agent (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or GED certificate. Must have minimum of 2 years work experience in providing quality customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. Must have multitasking skills, be detailed-oriented, and be able to solve problems in order to effectively deal with internal and external customers. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cook (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Reservations Agent (1)
Qualifications: Preferably high school graduate. Must have minimum two (2) years of experience, in Sales and Marketing or Tourism, and or equivalent years of relevant experience in hotel industry. Know how to operate office equipments like fax/copier machine, telephone, computer (knowledge in Fidelio system is an advantage). Able to handle, arrange the agents or guests needs and complaints efficiently. Must have excellent communications, good quality customer service, and multitasking skills are a must. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than July 14, 2015. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Kanoa Resort is an Equal Opportunity Employer
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
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UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
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UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
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UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
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7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
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UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Opinion

Puerto Rico's fiscal mess

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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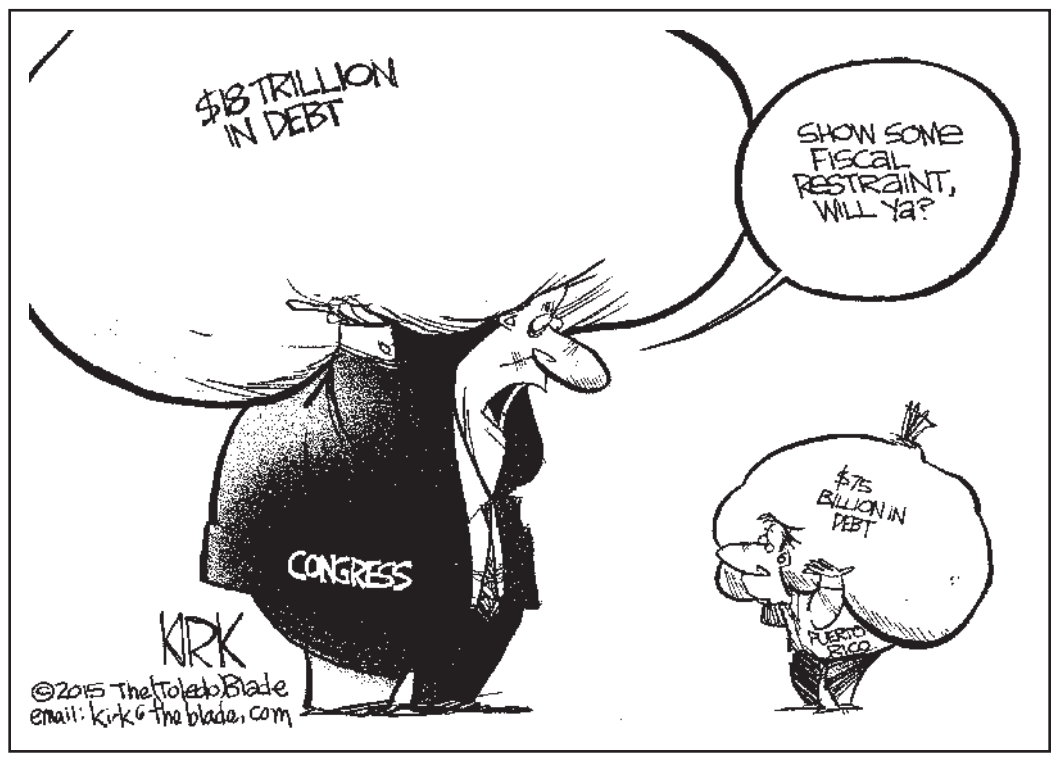

Puerto Rico is heavily in debt it could no longer pay vendors. Its debt is $72 billion in municipal bonds. Its governor said the issue isn't about politics but math.

It's a tough fiscal or financial mess as it considers how to provide public services to its over 3 million people. It's a fiscal mess resulting from municipal bond flotation it could no longer repay.

Not sure heading to Washington with a hat in hand would do the trick. President Obama's White House said there's nothing up that alley. Puerto Rico must do with what it could draw from federal entitlement programs. It's the alternative given by Mr. O.

Free Ride Not! The WH reaction is a clear warning to the NMI that it is not going to get a free ride on the dimes of hardworking U.S. mainland taxpayers. They too deserve every penny of their income especially in a highly volatile economic global condition.

It's time to forcibly place fiscal reality on the table. We either come to terms with it or we'd be sailing into the Marianas Trench. Like volcanic eruption you know it'll explode but unsure when.

Are we not in self-denial of the deepening fiscal mess at home? When would the big boys realistically address what measures must be undertaken to rectify the mounting mess? Have you a realistic plan or would it be "ke sera sera" until we fall off the cliff in similar fashion like Puerto Rico? Negligence and purposeful ignorance aren't answers either! How about dealing with the truth once and for all?

No More Roads: If we look back at where this mess started we would find there used to be a long road to kick the can down the hill. But we've run out of roads and the beaten can is crumbled into the size of a small pebble. If you wish to kick another can try a borrowed 50-gallon drum container from CUC.

Definitely, our perceptual paradise is in trouble. I started sensing it a little more than four years ago when over 3,000 of our very own relocated to Guam, Hawaii, and across the country in search of greener pasture. They were driven away from home sensing the lack of opportunities for families to raise their kids at home with some semblance of common decency. That legacy is now embedded in their minds forever.

Revenue generation went south while private industries struggle on their own hoping something would break just to stay afloat. There may have been improvements but far from sufficient for the fiscal and other needs of the NMI. Let's see what city hall has in store for the NMI amidst the deepening fiscal crisis at home.

Needs in full view

With a population that is very sickly (spikes in diabetes and heart ailments) and an underfunded healthcare operation the fiscal theme is the redundant "budgetary shortfall" for FY`16 by as much as $40-plus million. This doesn't include funds for the public school system and debts owed the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. of over $30 million.

Though the NMI has successfully moved pennies, nickels, and dimes here there and everywhere. It isn't a strong fiscal scaffold we could rely upon for mounting needs. Thus my constant nudging that policymakers converge to creatively figure out how do we promote and lure "lasting" investments. Beyond the triad of sun, sand, and surf what else is there other than tons of short-sighted rhetoric that we can't save or exchange at the bank?

The culprit is in the beastly expansion of government prompted by the usual mañana attitude. Politicos conveniently ignore the descending fiscal monstrosity, instead shifting and reframing the issue to avoid resolution with finality. Demagoguery is their new fad plastered on their lips. You use the term "leadership" and instantly you see apraxia taking its seat. Thus, the fiscal gangrene that worsens by the day.

Sad how demagoguery has ruined opportunities to move the needle of growth forward so it is translated into improving the livelihood of our people. Each failure reverses the strength of family income three years back. And it has been this way for over 10 years now. Hasn't the elected elite reversed our standard of living by advancing to the rear 30 years in complete reverse? Isn't it enough that we're known among investors of substance for our pen chance on policy instability?

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS (DPL)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP15 – RED003

PUBLISHED DATE(S): July 3, 10, and 17
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 21, 2015

"LEASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN CHALAN KANOA, SAIPAN"

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of commercial leasing and developing the following public lands in the Lali 4 beach area:

1) Lot 060 H 03, containing an area of approximately 5,145 square meters, more or less, in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is; and

2) Lot 047 H 04, containing an area of approximately 1,384 square meters, more or less, in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as is.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available at the Department of Public Lands office, located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. A non-refundable fee of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (US $3,500.00)** is required to receive an RFP Packet. Payment must be made by certified or cashier's check payable to: ***Department of Public Lands.***

Interested proposers from overseas may request an RFP Packet by mail. The request must be received by DPL no later than July 17, 2015, 4:30pm ChST, reference **"RFP15-RED003 LEASE & DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN CHALAN KANOA, SAIPAN",** and include a certified or cashier's check payable to ***Department of Public Lands*** for the amount of US$3,500.00. RFP packets issued to proposers will be numbered for identification and shall not be copied for distribution to other parties. Requests and payment should be sent to the address shown below.

Questions from proposing firms regarding the contents of the RFP packet must be received, **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, July 17, 2015 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

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Email: pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp

Response to questions will be summarized and shared with all proposers in a "Question and Answer" format.

The DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All proposals shall become the sole property of the DPL.

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Focus

Japan's secret navy bunker gives glimpse of war's final days

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)—On a hillside overlooking an athletic field where high school students play volleyball, an inconspicuous entrance leads down a dusty, slippery slope—and seemingly back in time—to Japan's secret Imperial Navy headquarters in the final months of World War II.

Here, leaders of Japan's combined fleet command made plans for the fiercest battles, including those of Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima and Okinawa from late 1944 to the war's end in August 1945. They knew when kamikaze pilots crashed to their deaths when signals from their planes stopped. They cried when they monitored cables from officers aboard the famed battleship Yamato as it came under heavy U.S. fire and sank off southern Japan.

Today, the barren, concrete tunnels sit quietly underneath a high school and university campus, largely untouched and unknown, occasionally visited by guided tours for the students. The school opened them to the media for the first time this week to raise public awareness of the site and the tragic history it represents, in the 70th anniversary year of the end of World War II.

"It's a negative heritage that humans made. It's the perpetrators' legacy," said Takeshi Akuzawa, assistant headmaster of Keio Senior High School, who escorted the media tour on Tuesday. "Just imagine the massive number of people who had to die in the final year of the war because of their operations."

The inverted U-shaped tunnels are a silent reminder of a time when students and many others were sent to war, many to their deaths, under orders that emanated from this bunker under a school.

Experts say the significance of such war remains is increasing, especially as that era fades from memory, and amid a growing reluctance among some Japanese to look at the negative side of the history.

One of the top Japanese universities, Keio, leased the site to the navy in 1944 under an Education Ministry order, after thousands of teachers, staff and students were drafted and sent to the battlefield, leaving the campus virtually empty. Above ground, the navy commanded from a dormitory, rushing to the underground command center whenever U.S. B-29 bombers flew over.

Keio's Hiyoshi campus, south of Tokyo in Yokohama, was chosen apparently because of its relative proximity to both Yokosuka naval base and command headquarters in Tokyo. The hilltop campus also was suitable for an underground facility.

Construction of the underground tunnels began in July 1944, mobilizing troops and Korean forced laborers. A room for the chief commander, Adm. Soemu Toyota, and key departments were up and running in a few months.

Only in the chief commander's room, cement on the walls was smoothed out, the floor was covered with tatami mats and there was a door. He climbed up and down 126 stairs between the two command centers—above and below ground. His room was slightly elevated so that the floor remained dry, and there was even a flush toilet.

The tunnel command center also had ventilation ducts, a battery room, food storage with ample stock of sake, in addition to deciphering and cable and communications departments. Marks on the ceiling remain from where overhead lights hung. The tunnels housing the command center and its facili-

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
MASTER PLAN UPDATE
PROJECT NO. CPA-RA-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. This service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, July 10, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in airport master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
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5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
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Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., JULY 24, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to: Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
MASTER PLAN UPDATE
PROJECT NO. CPA-TA-002-15

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Date: June 19, 2015

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BUILDINGS PAINTING PROJECT
PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-008-15

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed bids, subject to the terms and conditions of this Invitation for Bids (the "IFB") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract for the Saipan International Airport Buildings Painting Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This IFB is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-205, Invitation for Bids, of the NMIAC is applicable to the process followed by this IFB.

The BID package which includes the scope of work and other considerations upon payment of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning June 05th, 2015. Payment of the fee shall be made at the CPA Accounting Office located on the 2nd Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Bid for Saipan International Airport Buildings Painting Project, CPA-IFB-008-15". One original and three (3) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, TUESDAY, JULY 10th, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26th, 2015 at the CPA Conference Room, 2ND Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. Attendance at this pre-bid conference is not mandatory; however, all bidders are requested to attend. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation for Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

Huang Shun
corporation dba:
POP'Z NONI Manufacturing

Job Vacancy Announcement

Food Technologist

With a degree in food safety specialization.
Must have more than two years work related experience. Salary is negotiable.

If interested, please call
Ms. Kelly at **235-6669**

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POP'Z NONI Manufacturing

Is looking for a long-term supplier of fresh local fruits, such as, Noni, Lemon, Papaya, Banana, Mango, Durian, Coconut and Jack Fruit.

If interested, please call
Ms. Kelly at **235-6669**

Science & Technology

REVIEW: Gadgets for the beach and getting you there

NEW YORK (AP)—If you're headed to the beach or any other weekend getaway, don't forget these "essential" gadgets.

Of course, no technology is truly essential. You're at the beach! Disconnect! Go swimming! Build sandcastles!

Still can't leave the gadgets behind? Well, consider these:

E-BOOK READER OR TABLET

You'll want reading material. Sure you can bring real books and real magazines, but that's a lot to carry.

I prefer e-readers over tablets for e-books because e-readers work better in direct sunlight and don't come with such distractions as Facebook updates. Amazon has the best readers out there. Last fall's Kindle Voyage is a premium model with a stunning, high-resolution display that makes letters resemble what's on a printed page. The main drawback: its $199 price tag (add $20 if you want a regular screensaver rather than ads).

This week, Amazon is bringing that great display to its mid-tier model, the Kindle Paperwhite. It doesn't have the extra buttons that make page-turning easier like the Voyage has. Nor does it have an auto-brightness feature that adjusts for ambient light. But the Paperwhite does have a new font that's meant to be easier on the eyes; other Kindles won't get it until later this summer. (That said, I thought the old fonts were just fine for reading.)

At $119 (or $139 without ads), the Paperwhite is $80 cheaper, while offering much of what the Voyage has.

For digital magazines, you're better off with a tablet because e-reader screens typically lack color. I like Apple's iPad Mini for its size and shape. The full-size iPad Air is too large to carry around, and Android tablets typically have dimensions more suited for widescreen movies than for replicating printed pages. You can read e-books on the tablet, too, but e-readers offer a better, glare-free experience.

AP

In this July 11, 2012, file photo, Airiannys Milford listens to music on her iPad as she sits in the shade at South Pointe Park in Miami Beach, Fla.

BATTERY CHARGERS

You'll probably have to crank up the brightness on your tablet and phone to overcome all that glare in direct sunlight. That will drain the battery quickly. Bring a portable power pack, which is essentially a battery for recharging the battery on your gadget.

New portable packs from myCharge have both Apple and Android cords built-in, so you can leave your tangled mess of cords at home. Those powerful enough for tablets start at $100. It's useful for groups with an array of devices. You can charge one Android device and one iPhone or iPad at once, but not two Android devices or an iPhone and iPad together. It's one of each. Many people stick with one system or the other, so for most individuals, that second cord will go unused.

The dual-cord chargers will be overkill for many individuals. Mophie makes not just battery packs but also phone cases with extra power for leading phones. The drawback is you need a new one when you switch models, though I've found batteries tend to wear out over time anyway.

There are lots of others to choose from. Some battery packs have Apple or Android cords built-in, while others have a USB port, which means more flexibility, but also cords you need to bring. A higher price tag usually means more charging capacity.

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ties under the campus are 30 meters (100 feet) underground and stretch about 2.6 kilometers (1.6 miles) in length.

The conditions for those leading the war contrasted with those of ordinary people, who hid in small mud shelters as firebombs rained down from the sky, Akuzawa said.

Hisanao Oshima, who was there from February to May 1945 as a communications crew monitoring Morse code, still cannot forget the moments when he lost signals from kamikaze fighters. "The sound stops, and that means he crashed. I just cannot get that out of my head," he said in an interview with public broadcaster NHK.

This site must be preserved "so that we can say it's the proof why we should not wage war ever again," Oshima said.

Japan also built the Matsushiro Imperial Underground Headquarters in central Japan for then-Emperor Hirohito and Imperial Army and key government officials, as they prepared for a possible ground war with the Americans, though that one was never used.

Hundreds of hangers, tunnels and other wartime remains still exist in Japan, but many have been abandoned as interest has waned. A growing sentiment among some conservatives favors the removal of such remains if they are seen portraying the negative history.

Sections of the navy tunnels at Keio were damaged in a development project a few years ago, prompting experts and volunteers to call for more support from the city to preserve the site.

Akuzawa said what struck him the most as a teacher was the fact that the university was used as a war command center to send students to the battlefield. A Keio University graduate himself, he did not know about the tunnels until he started teaching at the high school.

"I feel emotionally shaken when I think of those students sent to war were just like these boys," he said.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-15-019

NAVY HILL PRESSURE IMPROVEMENT & WATERLINE PROJECT – PART B

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Navy Hill Pressure Improvement & Waterline Project– Part B in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of installation of 4"Ø Distribution line; relocation and reconnection of existing service laterals; installation of new service lateral mains; cut & cap of existing waterlines; booster pump by-pass system; replacement of non-working water meters; and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 150 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **July 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-019, Navy Hill Pressure Improvement & Waterline Project – Part B to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 4, 2015,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurance questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the CUC Board of Directors and Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission approval. If CUC Board and CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 17, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Project Manager via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Nicolette Villagomez - nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org, Project Engineer.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

JOHN RIEGEL
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-005-15 (AIP PENDING)**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, Project No. CPA-SA-005-15"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015,** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS.** Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, Friday, July 10, 2015,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifcations, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

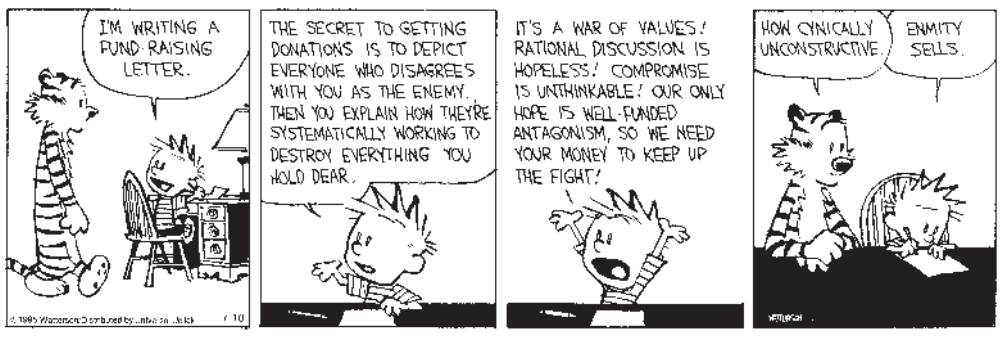
/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

June 22, 2015
Date

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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IT'S A WAR OF VALUES! RATIONAL DISCUSSION IS HOPELESS! COMPROMISE IS UNTHINKABLE! OUR ONLY HOPE IS WELL-FUNDED ANTAGONISM, SO WE NEED YOUR MONEY TO KEEP UP THE FIGHT!
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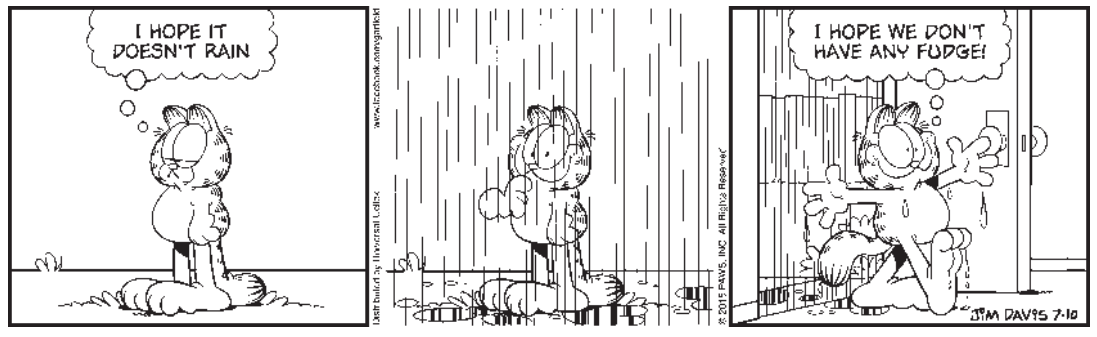

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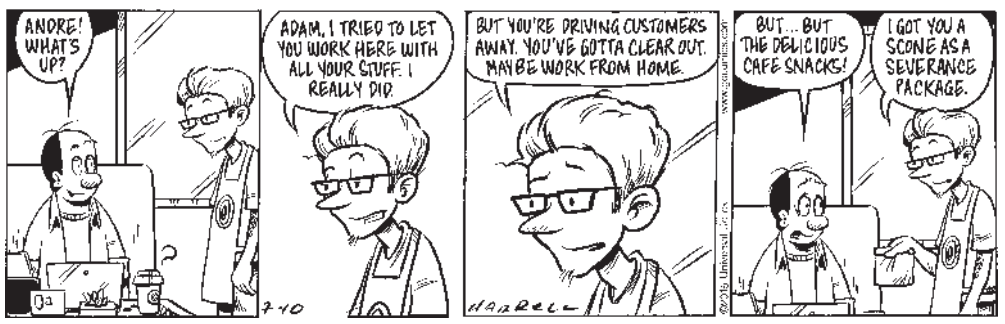
By Bryan Basset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ADAM, I TRIED TO LET YOU WORK HERE WITH ALL YOUR STUFF. I REALLY DID.
BUT YOU'RE DRIVING CUSTOMERS AWAY. YOU'VE GOTTA CLEAR OUT. MAYBE WORK FROM HOME.
BUT... BUT THE DELICIOUS CAFE SNACKS!
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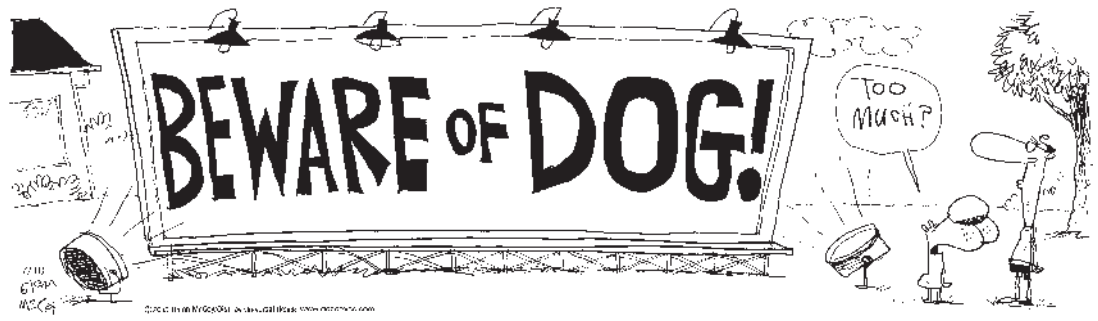
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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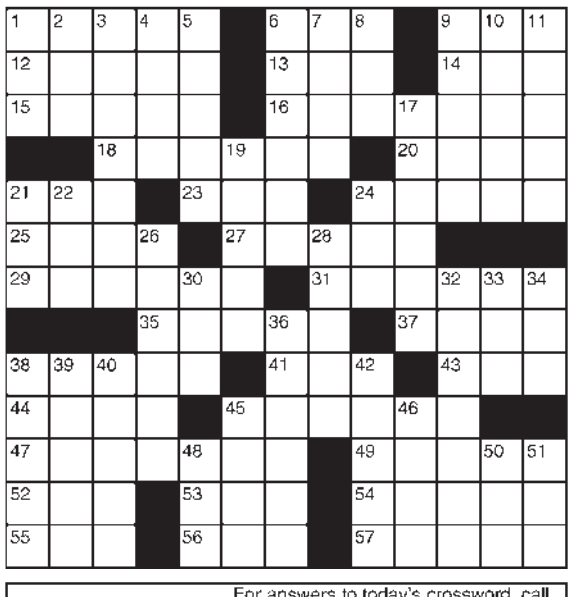

STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call **1-900-226-5955**! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jessica Simpson, 35; Adrian Grenier, 39; Sofia Vergara, 43; Arlo Guthrie, 68.

Happy Birthday: What you accomplish with others will bring you closer to your own goals. Sharing ideas will help you make plans and enlist the help of someone you can form a partnership with. Deal with emotional matters head-on and make a difference to the people that need your help the most. The rewards will be worth your while. Your numbers are 7, 10, 17, 24, 36, 40, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You may crave change, but be mindful of the cost. Keep your money tucked away in a safe spot to avoid impulse spending. You'll be criticized if you are too frivolous. Look for inexpensive means of entertainment. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Share your feelings and discuss your personal plans. You can accomplish a lot if you are open about your intentions. Not everyone will want to be a part of your dream, but at least you'll know how to move forward. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You may be facing a decision about an organization or group soliciting your help. Don't let anyone pressure you. You will gain greater satisfaction from putting what resources you can into your domestic space. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Someone unreliable will throw you off course if you believe everything they say. Consider how realistic an offer is before you make a commitment. It's better to be safe than sorry. Believe in yourself, not someone else. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): The only reason to make a professional change is because you have something better lined up. Don't let your emotions get in the way of any decision that can affect your reputation or your ability to earn money. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Pull out all the stops and show what you've got to offer. Chat about your plans and consider working with someone who shows as much enthusiasm as you do. Avoid divulging secret or personal information. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Go about your business while taking care of personal matters. Someone will try to take advantage of you if you are too friendly or accommodating. A change of heart will develop if you feel used or poorly treated. Stand up for your rights. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Focus on gathering information and formulating the deals you want to put into play. Think outside the box and offer an unusual plan that will attract innovative individuals. A partnership must be handled with kid gloves. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Personal alterations that are in sync with current trends will result in positive changes, compliments and attention. You can negotiate a contract or settlement in your favor if you show a compelling reason why you should get what you want. ✪✪✪

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Spending time with close friends, partners or family members will bring you closer together. Domestic changes should be geared toward giving you a space to work from home. An intuitive feeling is best taken seriously and acted upon. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't share your emotions with just anyone. Bide your time as much as possible. Letting situations unfold naturally will allow you to get a better idea of how to handle the people or situations that you are up against. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Get out and have some fun. Interacting with people in your industry or networking with those who share your interests will lead to a good connection and an opportunity to get involved in something that you feel passionate about. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are patient, dedicated and responsible. You are a true original.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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1			7		9			6
	4			9			1	
6			1	7	3			5
	7			6			9	
5			8		6			1
	2			1			3	

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/10

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4	1	6	2	8	3	9	5	7
7	2	3	9	6	5	4	8	1
5	8	9	1	4	7	3	2	6
1	3	8	7	5	6	2	9	4
6	4	7	8	2	9	1	3	5
2	9	5	4	3	1	6	7	8
8	6	1	3	7	2	5	4	9
9	7	2	5	1	4	8	6	3
3	5	4	6	9	8	7	1	2

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By DAVID OUELLET

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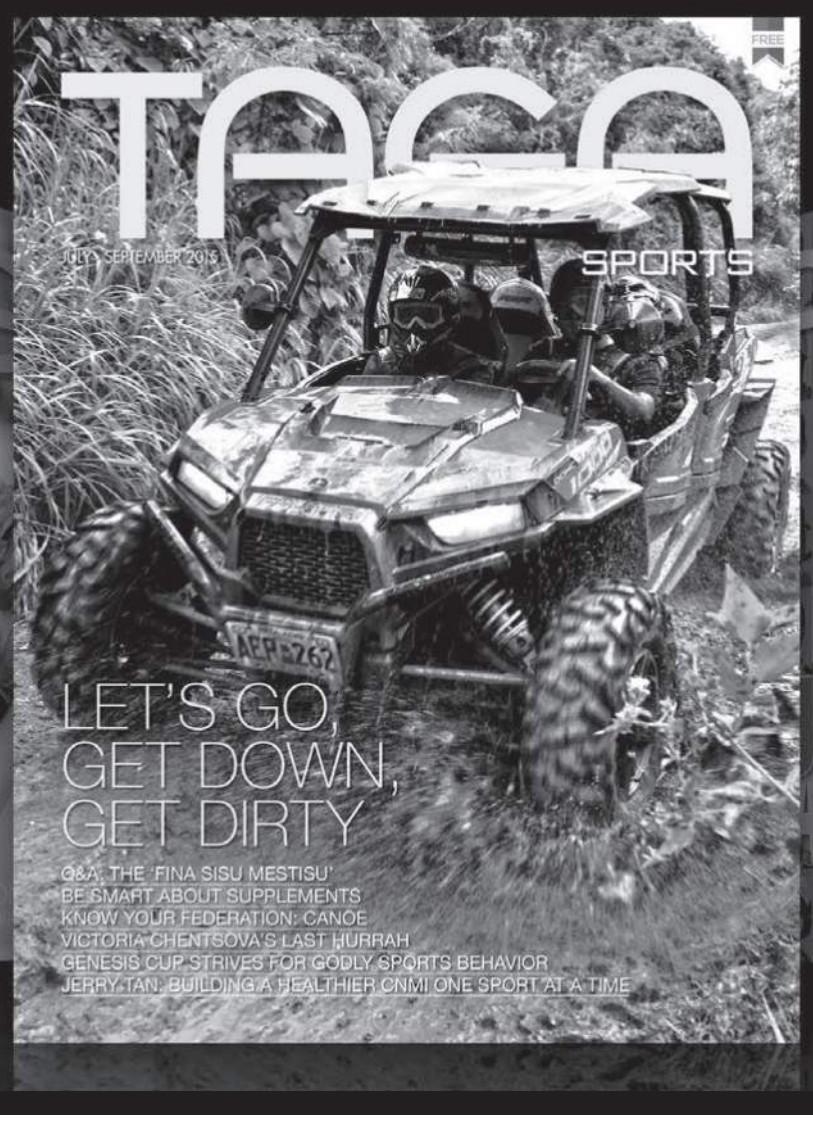
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ASPAC Junior, Senior, Big League Baseball Regionals

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ

CNMI lefty pitcher Ethan Babauta watches the direction of his throw in one of their games in the Senior League division of the recently concluded Asia Pacific Junior, Senior, and Big League Regional Baseball Tournament.

CNMI Junior League assistant coach Thomas Guerrero, from left, manager Manny Evangelista, and head coach Bernard Cabrera celebrate with the team following their 10-9 walk-off win over Team Hong Kong.

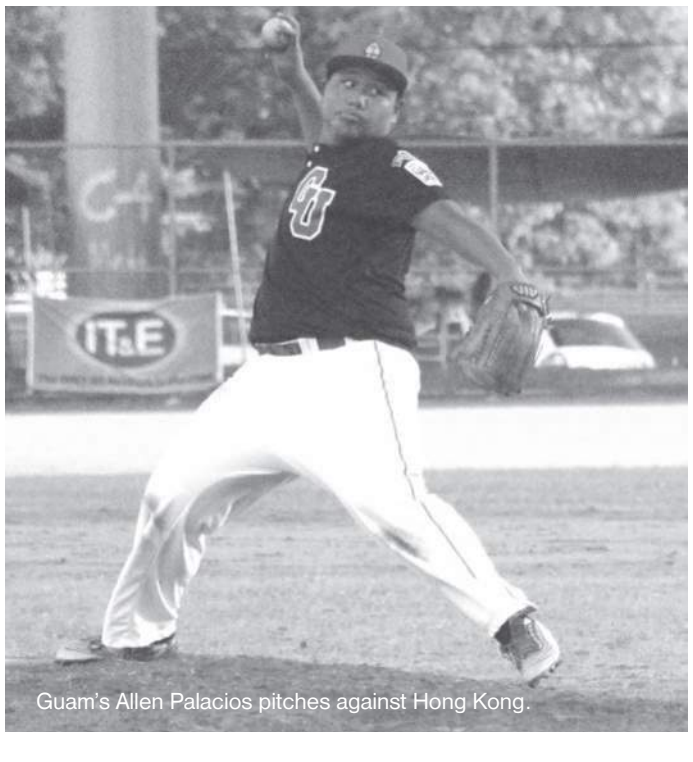
Australia's Caydyn Hancock prepares to throw a pitch.

The Philippines' Angelo Raphael M. Tantuico pops one.

CNMI Senior League manager Lawrence Camacho, left signals Roke Tenorio to head to home plate.

Guam's Alan Gillan prepares to pick up a ground ball in foul territory.

The CNMI's Virgil Secharmidal runs to third base.



Guam's Allen Palacios pitches against Hong Kong.

Hong Kong left-hand hurler Alex Chan.

Chinese-Taipei pitcher Lee Meng Che.

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his goal and fighting in the UFC would be a great learning experience for him.

"I know I need to shape up and work on certain areas with my fighting skills. I will work harder to reach my goals this 2015," he said.

Camacho said that his last loss against Japanese Yusuke Kasuya in the Pacific Xtreme Combat 47 last March in Guam taught him a big lesson, that's why beating Yasuaki was an emotional win for him.

"That loss was a humbling experience for me that's why this fight against Miura is an emotional one for me. It will gauge my skills on what more I could offer and how would I bounce back after a loss," Camacho added.

And Camacho bounced back big time as he only needed 34 seconds to complete the KO win over Yasuaki,

"I always want to challenge myself of what more I could bring in a fight, especially after coming off a loss," said Camacho after his win against Yasuaki.

"I've set my goals in my MMA career this 2015. But it is not up to me. It all depends on the different opportunities that will be presented to me. All I need is to stay focused with my goals."

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2014, the host won four of the 11 gold medals at stake in bodybuilding while Tahiti collected the most number with seven—two gold, one silver, and four bronze.

The bodybuilding team is expected to leave tomorrow along with CBF president John Davis. The four-member CNMI golf squad is also set to leave on the same day.

The bulk of CNMI's 32-member delegation composed of 25 athletes and seven officials, are already in Papua New Guinea led by Chef de Mission and Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael A. White.

American Samoa, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Palau, the Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu, Tokelau, and Wallis and Futuna are the other competing countries aside from the CNMI and host Papua New Guinea.

This will also be the first time that the Pacific Games Council decided to allow Australia and New Zealand to join on a trial basis in only four sports: rugby sevens, sailing, taekwondo, and weightlifting.

Fishing derby organizers making prizes more attractive

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Spectators look at one of the entries of last year's Saipan International Fishing Tournament. The annual event, now on its 31st year, is set on July 25 and 26 at the Smiling Cover Marina.

Organizers of the 31st Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament are working to make the event prizes more attractive.

Tournament organizers are expecting the same number of participants in this year's fishing derby, set on July 25 and 26.

Last year's 30th edition attracted more than 60 boats composed of 200 fishermen and crew from Guam, Rota, Tinian, and host Saipan.

Guam's Team GORU, with boat captain Frank Roberto and his 12-year-old son Aaron, won the overall title after catching a 276-lb marlin.

The father-and-son tandem is expected to make their return this year to defend their title.

The Top 3 heaviest in weight in Bill Fish, Yellow Fin, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, and Skipjack game fishes will receive prizes.

Participants must be the 5pm deadline and have their catch weighed in at the Smiling Cove Marina.

Registration cost is $150 per boat, which is inclusive of a captain and one crew member. A $25 fee is charged for each additional angler.

The Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety Unit will again conduct boat safety inspections as part of their requirement.

Participants need to have their boats inspected from July 20 to 24.

Entry forms, rules, and schedule of events are available for pick up at the Marianas Visitors Authority office and at the Fishing Tackle in Susupe.

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'Crank' aims to earn slot in UFC Korea

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho is aiming to earn a spot in one of the undercard fights when the Ultimate Fighting Championships hold its first event in South Korea later this year.

Camacho said fighting and representing the Marianas in the UFC has been his dream and ultimate goal.

"That has been my goal. Fight in the UFC and represent the people of the Marianas. It's hinged on different opportunities that will be presented to me," said Camacho, who last week scored a knockout win against Japan's Miura Yasuaki in Rites of Passage 18: Warpath.

TRENCH TECH

JON PEREZ
Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, reacts after being declared the winner by referee Alverick Alvarez. Camacho only needed 34 seconds to score a knockout win over Miura Yasuaki.

JON PEREZ
Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, tries to sweep Japanese for Miura Yasuaki n their non-title fight in last week's Rites of Passage 18: Warpath at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

UFC, which is based in the United States, has already organized fight events in the Philippines and Singapore. UFC officials are planning to hold a fight this December in South Korea.

Dana White serves as UFC president and it has already organized more than 250 fights since the first event was held on Nov. 12, 1993 in Denver, Colorado.

The UFC is the biggest MMA promotion company in the world that features the best and top-ranked fighters of the sport.

Camacho (16-3 with 12 knockouts) said that he is currently ranked second as a welterweight and third as a lightweight in Southeast Asia.

He added that he still has a lot to work on for him to reach

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NMI bodybuilders cutting down for Pacific Games

JON PEREZ
Aaron Tomokane, left, and Donivan Mendiola strike poses in the inaugural Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding Competition in this file photo taken last March. They will be representing the CNMI in the XV Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea in the bodybuilding event on Monday, July 13.

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CNMI bodybuilders Donivan Mendiola and Aaron Tomokane have been cutting down as they prepare to compete in the XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

Mendiola and Tomokane have been training for six days a week for more than two months now, under the guidance of Latte Built Fitness and Nutrition coach and trainer Derek Cutting.

Cutting said that he's been monitoring both Mendiola and Tomokane's extremely strict diet.

"They've been doing high volume drop sets and more on maximum time under tension. They are also in the cutting stage to get their body fat percentage to a lower level," said Cutting in an interview during a fundraising event by the Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation for the two-member CNMI bodybuilding team.

Mendiola and Tomokane have competed in the 2014 Mariana Islands Bodybuilding Dee Clayton Classic and in this year's inaugural Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding Competition.

Tomokane won the overall title in the Dee Clayton Classic and also finished eighth out of 13 participants in the 2014 Michelob Bodybuilding & Body Fitness Championship and International Invitational in Guam.

Both Mendiola and Tomokane has a good chance of earning a podium finish with bodybuilding being an event that judges an individual based on the symmetry of his body and not a sport of measurement or strength.

The Pacific Games has not yet released the weight classes that they are going to offer in the competition, set on July 13, Monday.

"We don't know yet the weight classes. But our goal is get them the biggest and heaviest in their weight class," added Cutting.

Bodybuilding is one of the 28 sports offered in this year's edition of the Pacific Games, hosted for the third time by Papua New Guinea. The Games opened last Saturday, July 4 and ends on July 18.

The CNMI is competing in seven other sports namely, athletics, beach volleyball, golf, sailing, swimming, triathlon, and va'a (outrigger canoe).

In the 14th Pacific Games in Noumea, New Caledonia in

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